



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

**STCW Advisory No. 2016 – 14**

**TO :** ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs), MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (MHEIs), PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT CENTERS, PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** CLARIFICATIONS ON SOME PROVISIONS OF STCW CIRCULAR NO. 2016-07 AND 2016-08, ON MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION, ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF RATINGS AS ABLE SEAFARER DECK AND ABLE SEAFARER ENGINE, RESPECTIVELY, FOR EXISTING DECK AND ENGINE RATINGS.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Republic Act No. 10635, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention, as amended, this Authority hereby clarifies the requirements for the issue of Certificate of Proficiency for Able Seafarer Deck and Able Seafarer Engine:

This Authority reiterates the requirements of STCW Convention for existing Deck Ratings under Regulation II/5 paragraph 6 to wit:

*“Seafarers may be considered by the Party to have met the requirements of this regulation if they have served in a relevant capacity in the deck department for a period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months preceding the entry into force of this regulation for that Party”.*

AND

The requirements of STCW Convention for existing Engine Ratings under Regulation III/5 paragraph 4 to wit:

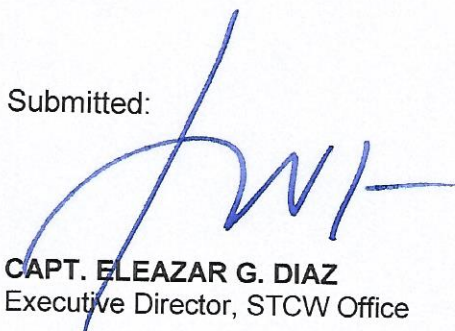
*“Seafarers may be considered by the Party to have met the requirements of this regulation if they have served in a relevant capacity in the engine department for a period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months preceding the entry into force of this regulation for that Party”.*

1. All existing Ratings for both Deck and Engine who have served on board for 12 months for the last 60 months prior to 26 May 2016 are considered to have met all the requirements of Regulation II/5, Section A-II/5 and Regulation III/5, Section A-III/5 of the STCW Convention and Code and shall qualify for the issue of Certificate of Proficiency (COP).
2. Seafarers covered by the preceding paragraph shall present a Seafarer's Identification and Registration Book (SIRB), company certification and valid Medical Certificate.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

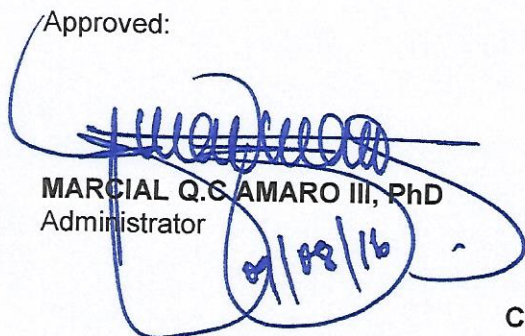
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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No 2016-14 was approved by the Administrator on 09 August 2016.



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